

Weekly Volunteer Update

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433.



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: ***"Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer."***
~ Author Unknown

*****SPECIAL ALERT*** Flood Recovery Assistance** People who are available to assist flood victims in Brown, Bartholomew, Jackson, Jennings or Decatur counties are asked to call (812) 376-6666 to register with the First Call for Help - 211 Volunteer Action Center of Bartholomew County. You will be asked to give your contact information, skills, time availability and special equipment availability (trucks, chain saw, cleaning equipment, etc.). A volunteer will return your call within 72 hours, at which time it is expected that needs will be assessed. It is expected that volunteers will be deployed over the next several weeks. Contact: Vickie Bateman, Director, Volunteer Action Center of Bartholomew County, vbateman@uwbarthco.org, 812-375-2210.

Special Olympics Golf Partners & Coach – June 11-Aug 13 Special Olympics Monroe County Golf is a unified sport, with an equal number of athletes and volunteers. Volunteers help athletes improve skills such as basic putting, chipping, short and long irons, driving, and golf etiquette. A coach is also needed. Practices are held at Cascades Golf Course on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to dusk, June 11 - August 13. Golf teams may participate in two tournaments, in Greensburg, IN on July 26 and in Indianapolis on August 16. Minimum age is 17. For more information contact: Devon Hillenburg at 812-325-1548 or soimc@kiva.net (www.specialolympicsmonroecounty.org).

T-Ball Coaches – June 16-July 23 Volunteer T-Ball coaches are needed for the Monroe County YMCA summer program where kids (ages 4-6) are in an environment of fun, support and character building. The season begins June 16 and continues through July 23 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Minimum age is 16. For more information contact: Matt Osgood at 332-5555 ext. 251 or mosgood@monroecountyyymca.org (www.monroecountyyymca.org).

Domestic Violence Volunteer Training – June 21 – Fill the Summer Volunteer Gap! With the arrival of summer and the departure of many IU student volunteers, Middle Way House has an urgent need for additional community support to maintain the level of service they provide to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Volunteers can choose from over 15 programs including childcare, crisis hotline, legal advocacy, house management and fundraising. All volunteers must complete the domestic violence training on Saturday, June 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 219 E. 4th Street. Pre-registration is not required; minimum age for most programs is 18. For more information, please contact 337-4510 or mwh.vol.coord@gmail.com (www.middlewayhouse.org).

Mobile Meals Drivers Mobile Meals, a program of the Area 10 Agency on Aging, provides nutritious meals to homebound senior citizens in Monroe and Owen counties. You can help these individuals stay healthy and maintain their independence by delivering meals on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays between 9:30-11:30 a.m. Some people volunteer once a week, others once every other week. Minimum age is 18. To learn which routes are available, contact: Cheri Adada at 812-935-2505 or cadada@area10agency.org (www.area10agency.org).

Summer Repackers for Meal Share Program – Fill the Summer Volunteer Gap! Volunteers are needed every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening at the Hoosier Hills Food Bank throughout the summer to repackage prepared food from local restaurants and cafeterias, which is then distributed to families in need in Monroe County. Fill the summer volunteer gap with your family or group and sign up for a once-a-month commitment through August. Individuals are warmly welcomed too! Minimum age is 10. For more information contact: Kim Kanney at 334-8374 or volunteer@hhfoodbank.org (www.hhfoodbank.org).

Community Wish List – Grant a wish for this community organization!

St. Vincent de Paul Society The vision of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is to "embrace the world in a network of charity." SVDP collects, stores and distributes furniture and appliances to low income people in addition to providing financial assistance for people in need who are unable to obtain assistance from other organizations. To grant a wish for this organization contact Scott Alber at 335-1280 or salber@bloomingtonsvdp.org (www.bloomingtonsvdp.org)

Wishes: a small box truck or large van for pickup and delivery, beds, dressers, kitchen tables and chairs, washers and dryers

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